




United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

February 2009

Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Feb 3-5	Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC)	San Carlos, AZ	Tina Davis, 415-972-3784 or davis.tina@epa.gov
 Apr 27-30	Freshwater Spills Symposium	St. Louis, MO	http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/fss/index.htm

For questions about EPA's oil pollution prevention regulations, please contact EPA's Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, RMP & Oil Information Center Toll Free 800-424-9346 or 800-553-7672 -- Toll Free TDD



Sponsors: State/Tribal/EPA Technical Coordinators

Feb. 10-12	8 th Annual Surface Water Monitoring and Standards Meeting (SWIMS)	Chicago, IL	http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/tcourse28.html
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Sponsor: Native Ecology

Mar 12-13	Tribal Pesticide Program Council	Davis, CA	Lillian A. Wilmore, 617-232-5742 or e-mail naecology@aol.com
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Sponsor: Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Mar 16-18	Tribal Energy Conference and Energy Trade Fair	Dallas, TX	http://www.atntribes.org/
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Sponsor: National Environmental Partnership

May 4-7	Harnessing the Power of Collaboration	San Francisco, CA	http://www.environmentalsummit.org/ 443-904-0752
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Trainings and Workshops



Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Mar 10-12	GAP Training	San Francisco, CA	Timothy Grant, 415-972-2783 grant.timothy@epa.gov
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**Sponsor: Coalition for American Indians in Computing**

Jul 11-25 deadline May 1	Computer Training in Gaming, digital media, Geographic Information System (GIS)	Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA	http://humboldt.edu ; caic@humboldt.edu , 707-826-3338
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Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

Feb 24-27	The Environmental Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	See information below
Mar 23-27	The Complete Ground Water Monitoring Field Course	San Diego, CA	See information below
Mar 25-27	The Complete Ground Water Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA	See information below
Mar 23-24	Ground Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction and Development	San Diego, CA	See information below
Mar 30-31	The Complete Surface Water & Sediment Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA	See information below

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors, laboratory staff, and government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff. For more information email the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com.

**Sponsor: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.**

Feb 2-6	The Groundwater Pollution and Hydrology Course	Orlando, FL	813-964-0800 or email info@princeton-groundwater.com
Mar 2-6	The Groundwater Pollution and Hydrology Course	San Francisco, CA	813-964-0800 or email info@princeton-groundwater.com
April 27–May 1	The Remediation Course	Las Vegas, NV	813-964-0800 or email info@princeton-groundwater.com

Sponsor: EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

NETI is a part of the Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, US EPA. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at aldrige.zena@epa.gov or 740-773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to www.netionline.com

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program has released the 2009 training catalog that includes detailed descriptions of ITEP air quality training courses, activities and services. To view the schedule, go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu, or 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email betanzo.elin@epa.gov

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for awards. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program

Around \$3 million will be available in 2009 to support community-based partnerships to reduce pollution at the local level through the CARE program. The Request for Proposals is now available on-line at: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0902. This year the application time line is almost 3 months and the deadline is March 16, 2009. Eligible applicants include county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities. Additional information about the CARE program, previous cooperative agreement recipients, and applying for the 2009 grants is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/care>



Tribal Resource Conservation Funds

EPA Region 9 is soliciting proposals to fund projects that address solid waste reduction and management. Funds will be awarded pursuant to Section 8001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. §6981. Funding will be in the form of cooperative agreements and/or grants. Funds will be awarded to applicants carrying out projects that serve the lands in Indian Country belonging to over 140 federally recognized tribes which fall under EPA Region 9's geographic area of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. Only Tribes and Tribal Consortia are eligible to submit proposals for this Tribal Resource Conservation Funds announcement. EPA Region 9 anticipates awarding approximately 3 to 5 cooperative agreements or grants ranging in size from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for these projects totaling approximately \$200,000.

Important Dates:

Feb 20, 2009 -- Proposals must be postmarked or submitted to Grants.Gov by 5 PM PST.

Mar 20, 2009 -- Initial approvals identified and sponsors of projects selected for funding will be requested to submit a formal application package.

Apr 20, 2009 -- Application and workplan are due.

Sept 30, 2009 -- Awards made no later than this date.

For more information, contact Nancy Sockabasin 415-972-3772 or sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov. The full text of this announcement can be viewed at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/tribal-solid-waste.html>

Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants

EPA is providing more than \$1.5 million for ten Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants. Funding will provide information, training, tools, and technical assistance to brownfields stakeholders to support brownfields assessment, cleanup, and revitalization. Each assistance project will receive between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in annual funding for up to five years. For more information, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state-specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>. For more information, contact Jessica Counts-Arnold/R9/USEPA/US@EPA or 415-972-3288.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)

Sponsor: USDA Rural Development:

The objectives of the Solid Waste Management Grant Program are to (a) reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas and (b) improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Rural areas are defined as any area not in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000, according to the latest decennial census of the United States. Tribes, academic institutions and nonprofits are eligible. The grant focuses on landfill assistance as well as helping communities reduce the solid waste stream. For more information go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>

Other Available Grants



Sustainable Living Videos

JustDoOne.org invites ideas for more sustainable living summarized in short YouTube-style videos. The organization will share the entries online, and the best video entry, as judged by an expert panel, will win \$5K. Responses are due March 1. For more information, go to: <http://www.justdoone.org/videocontest>.



Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program

The Risk Management Agency has announced \$3.5 million to support a wide range of innovative educational outreach and assistance activities in farm management, financial management, marketing contracts, crop insurance and other existing and emerging risk management tools as an aid to

underserved communities. The purpose of the program is to fund projects that provide targeted producers with training and information needed to understand:

1. The agricultural risks addressed by using existing and emerging risk management tools;
2. The features and appropriate use of risk management tools; and
3. The making of sound risk management decisions.

No maximum or minimum funding levels have been established for individual projects or geographic locations. Projects will be for a period of up to one year. Deadline is February 13 by 5 p.m. (EST). The following Web site has the announcement for specific requirements and the application materials: www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements/. Contact Sandy Sanchez, 530-792-5890, for more information.



The Department of Pesticide Regulations (DPR)

DPR is now accepting applications for Pest Management Grants for projects that increase implementation and adoption of effective pest management practices (IMP). Projects must include a collaborative team to assist growers, urban pest managers, school staff or others to carry out integrated IMPs that reduce risks associated with pesticide use. Subject to State Budget approval, a total of \$585,000 will be available beginning July 1. Interested applicants must submit a three-page summary of their project concept by February 5. Concepts will be evaluated by DPR staff and the highest-scoring concepts will be invited to prepare a full proposal, which will be due April 9. The grant solicitation, concept submission form, and other related documents are available on our Web site, <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/dprgrants.htm>. For additional information, contact Bob Elliott, belliott@cdpr.ca.gov.



The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

NIEHS and NIOSH are soliciting research applications designed to bring together community members and environmental and occupational health researchers to investigate the potential health risks of environmental and occupational exposures that are of concern to the community. Research will focus on environmental or occupational agents known or strongly suspected to be a significant environmental public health issue by community members but lacking basic information on exposure levels, sources of exposure, or potential health effects. An education, outreach, prevention or intervention program(s) also must be developed to translate and disseminate research findings to relevant audiences to inform them about the potential health burden(s) associated with environmental or occupational agents in their community. Applicants may request a project period of up to four years and a budget for direct costs of up to \$225,000 per year. The NIEHS intends to commit \$2 million in FY2009 to fund five to seven new grants; NIOSH intends to commit \$500,000 in FY2009 to fund one to two new grants. Applications are due April 1, 2009. Prospective applicants are asked to submit a letter of intent due March 1, 2009. For more information, contact Caroline H. Dilworth, dilworthch@niehs.nih.gov or Bernadine Kuchinski, BKuchinski@cdc.gov or go to <http://list.niehs.nih.gov/mailman/listinfo/niehs-newslist> or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-09-001.html>



Urban Forestry

The U.S. Forest Service requests proposals (RFP) for the 2009 Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program. This RFP will support the establishment of sustainable urban and community forestry projects that have a national or widespread impact and application. One million dollars are expected to be available and up to 12 awards are anticipated. Responses are due February 17. For more information, contact Nancy Stremple at nstremple@fs.fed.us or go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac>.



San Diego Foundation 2009 Grants Program

The vision of The San Diego Foundation's Environmental Working Group is to ensure that all generations enjoy clean air, safe water, wildlife, and natural and culturally-sensitive areas. This foundation will accept proposals that focus on land and watershed conservation and clean environment/healthy environment initiatives. The funding for these grants is \$50,000 per year and in projects with timelines that exceed one year, the group will consider proposals of up to \$75,000. Online proposals will be accepted until 5:00pm February 9, 2009. For more information, please go to <http://www.sdfoundation.org/communityimpact/cycle2009.htm> or call 619-814-1366.

Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program for Native Americans and Alaska Natives

The [Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program](#) is a mortgage product specifically for American Indian and Alaska Native families, tribes, Alaska Villages or tribally designated housing entities. Congress established this program in 1992 to facilitate homeownership in Native American communities. With Section 184 financing a tribe can get into a home with a low down payment, no mortgage insurance and flexible underwriting. For more information go to the following Web site: www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/homeownership/184

Economic Development

The U.S. Department of Commerce requests proposals for Economic Development Assistance Grants in the following program areas: Public Works, Planning, Local Technical Assistance, and Economic Adjustment Assistance. Proposals accepted through September 30. For more information, go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42952>.

Middle School Sustainability Challenge

The Siemens Foundation invites middle school students to participate in the We Can Change the World Challenge. Through this national sustainability educational initiative, students are challenged to create sustainable, reproducible environmental improvements in their local communities. Awards include, but are not limited to, Savings Bonds, TV appearances, cameras, and travel. Responses are due on March 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.wecanchange.com/about-challenge/challenge-description/>

Projects on Tribal Lands

The Tribal Energy Program supports a variety of energy-related projects on tribal lands. Through these projects, tribes have built the institutional capacity to manage their energy needs, assessed the feasibility of energy efficiency and renewable energy installations, and have demonstrated the viability of installing renewable energy systems on tribal lands. To learn more about the Tribal Energy Program, or for additional information about a particular project, contact the [DOE project officer](#) or go to: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>.

Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection". Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines, are available on the WCB's Web page. http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a

limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (CTHSGP)

CTHSGP is supported by a tribal association of 46 tribes throughout California. The proposed program is designed to promote the capacity of eligible tribes throughout California to address the three objectives of the program.

1. Measuring progress in achieving the National Preparedness Guidelines.
2. Strengthening improvised explosive device attack deterrence, prevention, detection and protection capabilities.
3. Strengthening preparedness planning.

The program implementation will be represented by the Inter-Tribal Council of California (ITCC). This network will provide the initial communications matrix for information dissemination and the eventual completion of a communication system designed specifically to maintain the intent of the CTHSGP. For more information, please contact Denise M. Banker, 916-826-6927 or denise.banker@ohs.ca.gov

California's Changing Climate

California has ambitious plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions, but the state also needs an integrated policy to prepare for and adapt to climate change. Some institutions, such as water agencies and electrical utilities, have already begun planning for change but other areas have yet to prepare effectively for the challenges of a changing California. To read more about these changes, go to: http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf

California's Water: A Legislative Analysis Office Primer

California's water delivery system is facing a series of challenges due in part to a combination of increasingly variable weather conditions, legal requirements, and system operation and conveyance constraints. These challenges affect water availability, reliability, and delivery. Recent public and private efforts have sought ways to address these challenges. These measures include proposals to increase water through groundwater storage, surface storage, infrastructure changes, and system operation improvements, among others. This report provides, through a "quick reference" document relying heavily on charts to present information, a snapshot of water in California. For more information, go to: http://www.lao.ca.gov/2008/rsrc/water_primer/water_primer_102208.aspx

The main components of this report are:

- Overview of California's Water Governance.
- Water Supply, Source, and Delivery. Demand and Use of Water.
- How Do We Finance Water Projects?
- What Drives the Cost of Water?
- Issues for Legislative Consideration

Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers

This Web site provides a wealth of information on green technology, training resources, and projects in Indian Country. Additional resources include: nationwide listings of Native Chambers of Commerce, Urban Indian Centers, and Tribal Colleges as well as green Native businesses, green grants for tribes, green tribal news and links to other Native environmental organizations. See Native Workplace at

www.NativeWorkplace.com. For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. info@nativeworkplace.com

Link to Tribal Training Web site

The Tribal Training Web site contains listings of EPA sponsored training courses offered to Tribes under the Clean Water Act. The Web site contains links to important resources and tools to assist Tribes with the development and implementation of water quality programs. The site also contains links to self-paced trainings for both CWA and non-CWA training programs.

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>

Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) Releases Northwest Tribal Energy Planning Guidebook

With funding provided by the Bullitt Foundation, Northwest SEED just released a new tool to help Native American tribes develop a plan to achieve energy independence. Energy Planning: A Guide for Northwest Indian Tribes contains information and resources to help select and implement projects to conserve energy, generate clean renewable energy, and construct efficient and environmentally friendly buildings, and other energy-related community or business projects. For more information or to obtain a copy of the guide, contact Leslie Moynihan, 206-267-2215 or leslie@nwseed.org

Emergency Preparedness

A press release was issued on September 16 on EPA's emergency preparedness audio files available for download on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/disaster/> The files address environmental challenges that commonly arise in a disaster such as addressing gas leaks, safely returning home, and purifying contaminated drinking water supplies.

Toxics Release Inventory

A peer-reviewed analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory and the impact of the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Rule, have been published and is available online at: <http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive Web application which provides access to results by EPA Region and state can be found at: <http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or martha.keating@duke.edu

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / milbourn.cathy@epa.gov or go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675.

NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to

<http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators

A new Web site is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes

courses from many training providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to betanzo.elin@epa.gov. The Web site can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

OAR Development of a Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule

Under the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed EPA to publish a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule, using the Agency's existing authority under the Clean Air Act. The rule will require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." EPA is responsible for determining those thresholds, as well as the frequency of reporting. Congress requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream productions and downstream sources," to the extent that the Agency deems appropriate. Tribes that own or operate large upstream or downstream facilities within their reservation boundaries may be impacted by this

rule. EPA intends to propose a rule by September 2008 and a final rule by June 2009. For more information contact Katherine Sibold, 202-343-280 or sibold.katherine@epa.gov

Employment Opportunities



Executive Director, Cortina Band of Wintun Indians

This full time position will administer and manage all Wintun Environmental Protection Agency (WEPA) programs for the protection of the environment of the Cortina Rancheria. The person will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of WEPA in compliance with federal and tribal laws and regulations; compliance with policies and procedures adopted by the WEPA Board of Commissioners. The Executive Director reports directly to the WEPA Board. The applicant must have a working knowledge of the federal environmental programs and statutes and regulations. The salary is negotiable and depends on qualifications. This job announcement is subject to Indian Preference. Individuals wishing to submit applications may request additional information by calling 530-473-3274, or by faxing to 530-473-3301. All applications must be received at the Cortina Band of Wintun Indians, Attn: Thelma Brafford, Tribal Administrator, P.O. Box 1630, Williams, California 95987 no later than 5:00 p.m., February 20, 2009.



Summer Internships

The Department of Energy Tribal Energy Program has summer internships for Native American students who are interested in renewable energy and who are currently college upper-classmen or graduate students. To be considered for the 2009 summer program applications must be received by February 20, 2009. Questions can be directed to Sandra K. Begay-Campbell, Sandia National Laboratories at 505 844-5418 or skbegay@sandia.gov. For more information and the application, see <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/internships.cfm>.



Senior Environmental Specialist

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has an opening for a senior environmental specialist in their Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Department. Go to the following Web site: http://srpmicjobs.jobing.com/job_details2.asp?JobID=1864757 or call Ondrea S. Barber, 480-362-7625; Cell: 480-452-8502; 480-62-5861 or email: Ondrea.Barber@srpmic-nsn.gov.

Principals for Student Success (PSS)

Penn State's College of Education has received funding in excess of \$960,000 to offer new graduate fellowships to American Indian and Alaska Native students who are interested in becoming school principals. This program allows participants to earn a master's degree in Educational Leadership with a "principalship" certification. The primary purpose is to prepare American Indian and Alaskan Natives, over a four-year period, to be effective school principals in schools that serve significant numbers of Indian students. Applications are now being accepted for the fall 2009 semester. The fellowships include a monthly stipend of \$1,675, as well as allowances for dependency support, tuition, textbooks, relocation, and health insurance. For more information, contact Dr. John Tippeconnic, American Indian Leadership Program, Suite 300 Rackley Building, University Park, Pa. 16802 phone 814-863-1626; e-mail jwt7@psu.edu or Dr. Susan Faircloth at 814-863-3775; e-mail scf2@psu.edu. Also go to <http://www.nativephilanthropy.org/news.html>

Water Quality Standards Specialist, Pyramid Lake Environmental Department, Nixon NV

Performs highly responsible management duties, planning and administration of the Water Quality Standards program. Assists the Environmental Director in management duties, planning, administration of the Water Quality Standards & 401 Certification programs and activities. Performs specific objectives and workplan activities under established environmental grants. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$34,448.80 - 36,296.00 per annum DOE (plus 6% COLA), EXEMPT. This position closes at

4:30PM, January 9, 2009. For more information contact PLPT Human Resources office at 775-574-1000 or the Web site: <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/hr/index.html>

Environmental Database specialist, Pyramid Lake Environmental Department, Nixon, NV

Performs highly technical and administrative duties in the planning, development and management of databases and Web site of the Environmental program. Takes the lead role in data management, data quality assurance/quality control, data entry, and statistical analysis to be used for overall watershed planning and environmental documents. Requires experience and understanding in many programming languages, including but not limited to SQL, HTML, and XML. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$32,905.60 - 34,569.60 per annum DOE (plus 6% COLA), EXEMPT. This position is opened until filled. For more information contact PLPT Human Resources office at 775-574-1000 or the Web site: <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/hr/index.html>

Pesticide Control Specialist - Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ

Under general supervision of the Environmental Protection Director and direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, the Pesticide Control Specialist will be responsible for monitoring all aspects of pesticide usage on the Ak-Chin Indian Community to protect residents, pesticide handlers, pesticide applicators, agricultural workers and the environment. The Pesticide Control Specialist will also assist with program development and implementation of the Pesticide Control Program. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information, log on to www.ak-chin.nsn.us or call Salinda Lopez, 520-568-1054

Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to www.nndpm.navajo.org or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at charlenenelson@navajo.org.

Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto www.yuroktribe.org or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

Tribal outreach, review and comment



Tribal Pesticide Issues

Do you have questions about pesticides that are being used on your reservation for agriculture or to control pests in and around homes? Are pesticides being sold in your community? Do you think that water or other resources are being impacted by pesticide use? Are there other pesticide issues on your reservation that concern you? If you have these or other questions about pesticides, contact Pam Cooper, Manager, Region 9 Pesticides Office at 415-947-4217 or e-mail cooper.pam@epa.gov.



Free Harvard Education for Students from Low-Income Families

Harvard University announced that undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only ten percent

of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough". If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid Web site at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/>



The Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project (SNAMP)

SNAMP is an effort to gather independent scientific data on the effects of forest thinning for fire protection as done by the US Forest Service. There are two study sites; a southern one near Oakhurst off Hwy 41, and a northern one near Tahoe. The study focuses specifically on the ongoing conflicts over forest fuels management in the Sierra Nevada National Forests and the controversial Record of Decision 2004 (ROD) that establishes the current legal boundaries for management prescriptions in the Sierra Nevada's. Scientists from the University of California will take baseline measurements before thinning treatments and after to quantify any adverse effects. The data will be used to advise and hopefully improve the process in the future. There will be annual meetings and regular Integration Team meetings and the public will be encouraged to attend. A mailing list and a Web site at <http://snamp.cnr.berkeley.edu> will have all of SNAMPs activities. For more information, contact Anne Lombardo at 209-966-2417 or email amlombardo@ucdavis.edu.



Green Job/Green Economy Movement

Native Workplace, Navajo Green Economy Coalition and Honor the Earth are joining forces to invite tribal members around the nation to start a green information group in their own communities. The purpose of this alliance is to ensure that green career education will reach everyone in Indian country and that all tribal members feel included and their voices are represented. The National Native Green Alliance will be an informal network, designed to support emerging groups and promote green business development by sharing information and connections. Events will be promoted throughout the network. Contact information is as follows:

C. Allen: Native Workplace, www.NativeWorkplace.com, info@nativeworkplace.com, 512-462-9056
Anna Marie Rondon: Navajo Green Economy Coalition, annarondon@msn.com, 505-726-9392
Nellis Kennedy: Honor the Earth nellis@honorearth.org 218-375-3200



Publication from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation recently issued a new publication, entitled *Consultation with Indian Tribes in the Section 106 Process: A Handbook*. This handbook is a guide to the federal responsibility for tribal consultation in the National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106 review process; it can be accessed at <http://www.achp.gov/regs-tribes2008.pdf>. Feel free share this handbook. For more information contact Jaime Loichinger, 202-564-0276.



Radon Gas/Indoor Space

EPA has released a series of public service announcements (PSAs) reminding families that a radon-resistant home is a greener and healthier home. Radon is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas that could be present in dangerous levels in the home and is the No. 1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. It is released from rock or soil, seeps into homes through foundation cracks, and can reach harmful levels if trapped indoors. EPA estimates that one in 15 homes will have elevated radon levels. It is simple and affordable to reduce radon risks in the home. If a home tests high, a qualified radon professional can install a mitigation system to lower the radon level. For information on how to get your home tested or to build your new home so it is radon resistant, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/radon> or call 1-800-SOS-RADON (767-7236). PSAs are available in English and Spanish at <http://www.epa.gov/radon/rnpa.html>.

Department of Energy (DOE)

DOE is seeking information from Tribes and other parties interested in the deployment of renewable energy in Indian Country in the contiguous 48 States. The information will be used by DOE for internal planning and decision making purposes relative to future activities under DOE's Tribal Energy Program. Please send your response (one attachment only) via email, with the title, "RFI Response" to tribal@go.doe.gov. Your response should be submitted in Microsoft Word or PDF as an email attachment to the address above and received no later than 8:00 PM EDT, February 28, 2009. Please include contact name(s), phone number(s), email addresses, organization name, address, and type of business or institution. Responses will not be confidential.

Comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

The FWS will be seeking public comments on the Request for Proposals, the proposal scoring criteria and scoring process that will improve the solicitation and selection of proposals, and the implementation and management of the Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG) program. TWGs are used to provide technical and financial assistance to Tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitats. TWG funds may also be used for salaries, equipment, consultant services, subcontracts, acquisitions, land leases, and travel. The formal request for comments for TWG programs was published in the Federal Register, December 1, 2008. After the publication in the FR, all interested parties have until March 1, 2009 to submit their comments. Comments and requests for information should be sent to Patrick Durham, Native American Liaison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 330, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703-358-1728, or e-mail to TWG_COMMENT@FWS.GOV

Nominees Sought for Environmental Youth Awards

Since 1971, EPA has sponsored the President's Environmental Youth Awards. The program recognizes young people across America for projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. Young people in all 50 states and the U.S. territories are invited to participate in this program. <http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=16&newsID=85841>

Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning and Using Lead Safe Work Practices

Although lead-based paint was banned by the Federal Government 30 years ago, homes and child-occupied facilities built before then may contain lead-based paint and potential lead hazards. Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and lead chips by disturbing lead-based paint, harming both children and adults. Beginning in April 2010, commercial contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. EPA has a new brochure with lead hazard information for families, child care providers and schools. *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools* (PDF) (20 pp, 3.3MB). Additionally, EPA recently issued program authorization guidance detailing how Tribes can apply for program implementation of the new regulatory requirement. This guidance document has been developed to assist Federally-recognized Indian Tribes seeking authorization of Lead-Based Paint Renovation Programs pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 745, Subpart E and Section 404 of the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). For information, contact Dave Tomsovic, US EPA Toxics Office, 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/pdfs/tribal-gap/GAP-OnlineTribalUserGuide.pdf>
http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/
www.energysavers.gov
<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>
<http://www.doi.gov/bia>
<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>